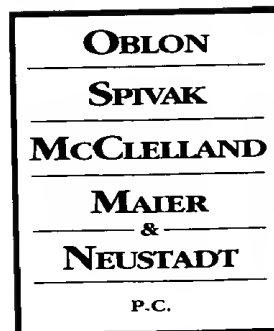




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Our check in the amount of \$ --0-- is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Pages 3-4, paragraph 0009, please delete the paragraph and insert the following new paragraph:

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The WDM coupler 62 multiplexes the laser beams outputted from the polarization-multiplexing couplers 61a and 61b, and outputs the multiplexed light beams as a pumping light beam to external isolator 60, which outputs the beam to amplifying fiber 64 via WDM coupler 65. Signal light beams to be amplified are input to amplifying fiber 64 from signal light inputting fiber 69 via polarization-dependent isolator 63. The amplified signal light beams are Raman-amplified by being multiplexed with the pumping light beams and input to